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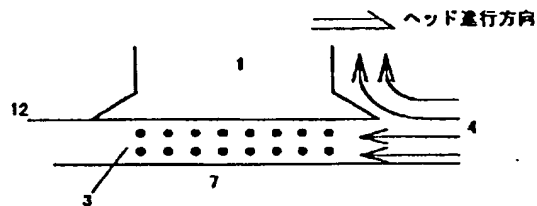
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(54) 【発明の名称】 インクジェット記録ヘッド

(57) 【要約】

【課題】 インク滴の着弾位置の精度を向上する。

【解決手段】 記録ヘッド1の進行方向側面に突起物2を付け、その突起物の被記録体側の面をノズル面12とほぼ同一平面とし、それと反対側の面2aを、突起物の突出端から記録ヘッド側に向け上昇する傾斜面とする。これにより、記録ヘッド1の進行方向にともない生じる気流がノズル面と被記録体の間に入り込むことを少なくし、インク滴に対する気流の影響を小さくする。



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【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 被記録体に対し相対移動しながらノズル面からインクを噴射して記録する記録ヘッドにおいて、移動の際に記録ヘッドの相対進行方向から生じる気流が前記ノズル面と被記録体の間に入り込むことをおさえるように、記録ヘッドの進行方向に突出した突起物を付けたことを特徴とするインクジェット記録ヘッド。

【請求項2】 請求項1において、前記突起物は、被記録体側の面をノズル面とほぼ同一平面とし、それと反対側の面を、突起物の突出端から記録ヘッド側に向け上昇する傾斜面としたことを特徴とするインクジェット記録ヘッド。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明は、インクジェット記録ヘッドに関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】従来、インクジェット記録装置は、図3に示すように記録ヘッド1をキャリッジ5に搭載し、図示しない駆動部によって軸6に導かれて被記録体7に沿って矢印の送り方向に移動させる。そして、記録ヘッド1で図示しない複数のノズルからインクを下方に噴射し、被記録体7に記録を行う。一行の記録が終わると被記録体7を送り、次の行の記録に移る。

【0003】図5において、記録ヘッド1の移動によって、記録ヘッドの側面に押された気流は、記録ヘッドと被記録体の間に比較強い気流となって入り込む。ノズル11から速度 V_k で噴射されたインクは、キャリッジの移動速度及び気流速度 V_a との合成速度によって、被記録体7の記録点Kに着弾する。また、インクが噴射された後にインク滴が垂れてくることがあるが、このインク滴はほとんどが重力による落下速度 V_h と気流速度 V_a によって、記録点Kと離れた点Hに飛沫となって落ちる。

【0004】これによって、被記録体7に記録された所を拡大して見ると、図4のように予め定めた基準格子8の交点上にインクが噴射されて記録点Kと呼ぶ記録用の点の近くに、インクが噴射された後についてくるインク滴が記録されることがあった。

【0005】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】噴射されたインク滴の記録点9は、上記のようにキャリッジの移動速度、噴射速度 V_k 、気流速度 V_a によって決まるが、気流速度は外部からの流入もあって常に一定ではないので、記録点9は不規則になる。しかも、従来の技術は上述したように、必要としない飛沫点10を生ずることがあり、図5に示す常に一定でない気流速度 V_a により記録点9と共に不規則になり、図4のように飛沫点10が記録点9からはみ出すこともあった。

【0006】本発明の目的は、上述した問題点を解決す

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るためになされたものであり、記録点と飛沫点の着弾位置の精度を向上するインクジェット記録ヘッドを提供することである。

【0007】

【課題を解決するための手段】この目的を達成するために、請求項1の発明では、被記録体に対し相対移動しながらノズル面からインクを噴射して記録する記録ヘッドにおいて、移動の際に記録ヘッドの相対進行方向から生じる気流が前記ノズル面と被記録体の間に入り込むことをおさえるように、記録ヘッドの進行方向に突出した突起物を付けたことを特徴とする。

【0008】請求項2では、請求項1において、前記突起物は、被記録体側の面をノズル面とほぼ同一平面とし、それと反対側の面を、突起物の突出端から記録ヘッド側に向け上昇する傾斜面としたことを特徴とする。

【0009】この発明によれば、記録ヘッドと被記録体との相対進行により生ずる気流が記録ヘッドと被記録体の間に入り込む際、突起物によりノズル面より上部の気流は外へ流れ、噴射されたインクに当たる気流速度が小さくなり、記録点の着弾位置のずれを従来より小さくすることができる。しかも、突起物を、被記録体側の面をノズル面とほぼ同一平面とし、それと反対側の面を、突起物の突出端から記録ヘッド側に向け上昇する傾斜面とすることで、気流は効果的に上方へ逃げ、着弾位置のずれを一層小さくすることができる。

【0010】

【発明の実施の形態】この発明の実施の形態を図1および図2に示す。

【0011】記録ヘッド1が、図3のように、キャリッジに搭載され、インクを噴射する多数のノズル孔を有するノズル面12を被記録体7に対向させ、被記録体7に沿って移動しながらインクを噴射して記録するのは、従来の装置と同様である。

【0012】本実施の形態において、記録ヘッド1の被記録体側の端部に、記録ヘッドの進行方向の両側に突出した突起物2を設けている。この突起物2は、被記録体側の面をノズル面12とほぼ同一平面とし、それと反対側の面2aを、突起物の突出端から記録ヘッド側に向け上昇する傾斜面としている。

40 【0013】このように構成することで、記録ヘッド1の進行により生ずる気流が記録ヘッドと被記録体7の間に入り込む際、突起物2によりノズル面12より上部の気流は外へ流れ、噴射されたインクに当たる気流速度が小さくなり、記録点の着弾位置のずれを従来より小さくすることができる。しかも、突起物2は、被記録体側の面をノズル面12とほぼ同一平面とし、それと反対側の面2aを、突起物の突出端から記録ヘッド側に向け上昇する傾斜面とすることで、図2に示すように、気流は効果的に上方へ逃げ、インク滴に対する気流の影響を一層小さくすることができる。この結果、噴射されたインク

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MEANS

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to attain this purpose, by invention of a claim 1, it is characterized by attaching the projection projected to the travelling direction of a recording head in the recording head which injects and records ink from a nozzle side, being displaced relatively to the recorded body so that it may press down that the air current produced from the relative travelling direction of a recording head in the case of movement enters between the aforementioned nozzle side and the recorded body.

[0008] In a claim 2, the aforementioned projection is characterized by having made mostly the field by the side of the recorded body into the same flat surface with the nozzle side, and making the field of it and an opposite side into the inclined plane which turns to a record head end and goes up from the protrusion edge of a projection in a claim 1.

[0009] In case the air current produced by relative advance with a recording head and the recorded body enters between a recording head and the recorded body according to this invention, the air speed which the air current above a nozzle side flows outside with a projection, and hits the injected ink becomes small, and can make a gap of the impact position of a recording point smaller than before. And by making mostly the field by the side of the recorded body into the same flat surface for a projection with a nozzle side, and making the field of it and an opposite side into the inclined plane which turns to a recording head side and goes up from the protrusion edge of a projection, an air current can escape upwards effectively and can make a gap of an impact position still smaller.

[0010]

[Embodiments of the Invention] The gestalt of implementation of this invention is shown in drawing 1 and drawing 2.

[0011] the nozzle of a large number to which a recording head 1 is carried in carriage and injects ink like drawing 3 -- it is the same as that of conventional equipment to inject and record ink, making the nozzle side 12 which has a hole counter the recorded body 7, and moving in accordance with the recorded body 7

[0012] In the gestalt of this operation, the projection 2 projected on both sides of the travelling direction of a recording head is formed in the edge by the side of the recorded body of a recording head 1. This projection 2 makes mostly the field by the side of the recorded body the same flat surface with the nozzle side 12, and makes field 2a of it and an opposite side the inclined plane which turns to a record head end and goes up from the protrusion edge of a projection.

[0013] Thus, with constituting, in case the air current produced by advance of a recording head 1 enters between a recording head and the recorded body 7, the air speed which the air current above the nozzle side 12 flows outside with a projection 2, and hits the injected ink becomes small, and can make a gap of the impact position of a recording point smaller than before. And an air current can escape upwards effectively and a projection 2 can make still smaller influence of an air current to an ink drop, as shown in drawing 2 by making mostly the field by the side of the recorded body into the same flat surface with the nozzle side 12, and making field 2a of it and an opposite side into the inclined plane which turns to a recording head side and goes up from the protrusion edge of a projection. Consequently, it not only can

improve the precision of the impact position of the injected ink, but the droplet with small mass which comes about the ink can improve the precision of an impact position. With the gestalt of the above-mentioned implementation, although the recording head 1 moved in accordance with the recorded body 7, a recording head 1 is in a fixed position, and while the recorded body 7 moves, also in what carries out record operation, influence of the air current generated with movement of the recorded body 7 can be lessened with a projection 2. In this case, what is necessary is to form a projection 2 only in the recorded body move direction upstream of a recording head 1.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] The perspective diagram of the gestalt of operation of this invention

[Drawing 2] The side elevation of the gestalt of operation of this invention

[Drawing 3] The perspective diagram of conventional equipment

[Drawing 4] Explanatory drawing of the surrounding situation of a recording point

[Drawing 5] The side elevation explaining the injection situation of an ink drop

[Description of Notations]

1 Recording Head

2 Projection

12 Nozzle Side

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(54) INK JET RECORDING HEAD

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To improve accuracy of a landing position of an ink drop.

SOLUTION: A projection 2 is attached to a side face of a recording head 1 in an advancing direction and the face of the projection at a side of a recording medium is roughly flushed with a nozzle face. A face 2a at the opposite side is made to be an inclined face such that it rises toward the side of the recording head from the end of the projection. As a result, an air flow generated by virtue of the advancing of the recording head 1 hardly enters a portion between the nozzle face and recording medium, thereby reducing influence of the air flow to ink drops.



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The ink-jet recording head characterized by attaching the projection projected to the travelling direction of a recording head in the recording head which injects and records ink from a nozzle side so that it may press down that the air current produced from the relative travelling direction of a recording head in the case of movement enters between the aforementioned nozzle side and the recorded body while being displaced relatively to the recorded body.

[Claim 2] It is the ink-jet recording head characterized by considering as the inclined plane which the aforementioned projection makes mostly the field by the side of the recorded body the same flat surface with a nozzle side, turns the field of it and an opposite side to a record head end from the protrusion edge of a projection in a claim 1, and goes up.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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[0002]

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[0003] In drawing 5, by movement of a recording head 1, the air current pushed on the side of a recording head turns into a recording head and an air current comparatively strong between the recorded bodies, and enters. The ink injected at speed V_k from the nozzle 11 reaches the recording point K of the recorded body 7 by the traverse speed of carriage, and the synthesis rate with an air speed V_a . Moreover, although an ink drop may hang down after ink is injected, most serves as a droplet with the fall speed V_h and the air speed V_a by gravity at the recording point K and the point H which separated, and this ink drop falls.

[0004] The ink drop which comes after ink was injected near the point for record which ink is injected and is called recording point K on the intersection of the reference grid 8 beforehand defined like drawing 4, when the place recorded on the recorded body 7 was expanded and seen by this might be recorded.

[0005]

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